

TUCSON RODEO GROUNDS CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Dale Penn, Robert Kattnig, Cindy Riley, Karen Penn, Stephen Ellis, Joseph Dhuey, Gary Williams, Tom Davenport.

Members Absent: Herbert Wagner, Raul Valenzuela, Charles Sherman, Robert Villamana, Marty Higbee

Staff in Attendance: Reenie Ochoa, District Administrator, Ron Odell, District Superintendent, Lisa Cortese, Recording Secretary.

Chairperson Kattnig called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call

II. Review of Minutes from Last Meeting – November 3, 2009

Motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davenport to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting. Motion passed unanimously 8-0.

III. Call to Audience – None.

IV. Revenue Reports

Committee Members reviewed and discussed the Revenue Report from December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. Staff reported that only one event has taken place since the November 3, 2009 meeting. A toy giveaway on December 24, 2009.

V. Upcoming Events

Staff reported on the upcoming events currently confirmed at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds for 2010. Committee Member Williams informed the Committee that he has been contacted by an individual interested in holding a major team roping event in 2011.

VI. Rodeo Grounds Improvements

Mr. Ron Odell updated the Committee on the placement of an ADA accessible drinking fountain on the west side of the arena along the concourse, between Section G and A.

Some Committee Members were concerned with whether the placement would interfere with driving through the concourse. Staff reported that placement would not interfere with driving through the concourse. The Committee was also concerned whether the installation of this drinking fountain would interfere with the preparation of the Rodeo Grounds for the 2010 Rodeo. Mr. Williams reported to the Committee that installation of this drinking fountain should wait until after the completion of the 2010 Rodeo. Installation will be completed after this year's Rodeo, prior to Mr. Penn's use of the Rodeo Grounds for his event in April.

Ms. Ochoa also reported to the Committee that a MAITS inspection was done and there were two issues which are currently being addressed. At the Roscoe Barn, it was reported that there are no doors in this building. For safety reasons, doors will be installed. And, at the two Lions concessions areas, it was reported that the west side concessions was good to go. At the east side concessions there is no ventilation hood in place and therefore the grill was removed. This year cooking would need to be done outside with barricades around cooking area, or if cooking is to be done inside, it would have to be done using an electric skillet where grill was removed. The installation of a new hood would cost approximately \$10,000.

It was also reported that there was some storm damage to the hangar building, but it was nothing too serious and it will be repaired very soon.

VII. Budget Update

Ms. Ochoa briefed the Committee on the currently budget issues and how the furlough days are affecting things such as work day(s). Ms. Ochoa also reported on how her district is handling the budget issues with regard to how our office is cutting back on certain things and how spending is being limited. Overall, there is about a 30% reduction in the budget for the next two years. If there is a hazard or safety issue it is addressed right away by the City of Tucson. Addressing safety concerns is not dictated by budget issues.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made to close meeting, seconded by Mr. Dhuey at 2:53 p.m. Motion passed 8-0.